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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN: INFORMATION ON MODALITIES TO REALIZE  
EARLY GAS PASSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER

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¶11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified. Not for public Internet.

¶12. (SBU) Charge met with Deputy Chairman/Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov August 4 to reaffirm U.S. support for an early gas option and to convey a non-paper on options. Meredov read the entire document and noted that it offered very concrete proposals. He said the Turkmen side would review the paper, and hopefully, would be prepared to discuss it during the upcoming visit of Ambassador Mann and Special Envoy Gray.

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